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**'Orange' Lemon dossier**

11/4/04, Rob Brokaw: It's a wonderful thing to look at; has oblong shape and a nipple at the end, and the coarser texture of orange skin.

12/17/05, Jim Finch: I was managing the Paramount packing house on Del Norte [Oxnard, CA] when we found the orange-skinned lemons. ... There were two limbs, one of the pickers pointed it out (the orange lemon). It was on a ranch we managed for an English firm. The English were interested in the rights. They planted 5 acres.

12/14/04, Tom Hooten, Paramount's ranch manager at a lemon planting in Somis: I've worked for Paramount since Nov. 91. The orange lemon tree here was planted in 1999. It's from a sport of Allen Eureka from trees from a planting originally grown on Headley Ranch. That land is in strawberries now. The citrus trees were pulled out in the fall of 2003. We call it "orange lemon." It's orange on the inside, but it's lemon all the way in taste. It's shaped like a lemon. They go from green to orange.

12/30/04, David Krause, phone interview: There were over 5 acres, and 2-3 acres, in Ventura area, were, as in past tense, we were taking a long shot, our concern was, it looked like it looked other than a lemon, where it would fit. We have a patent pending. We call it 'Golden Eureka' from a patent standpoint; Paramount Citrus discovered, and will patent it. We have no plans to commercialize it as of today. It's possible that if there's demand we might release it to the home nursery trade. About 10 years ago it was discovered. It was Saticoy where it was discovered on land managed and packed by Paramount Citrus.

4/23/08, Steve Smith, Mud Creek Ranch, phone: My orange lemon came from a grove that Paramount leased in Somis. They had it for a year, Paramount never owned the property, then it was strawberry. The strawberry guy who bought it gave me permission. I'm willing to donate budwood.

6/17/09, Robin Smith, selling 'Orange' lemons at the Santa Monica farmers market: It was Sutton Ranch in Saticoy from which Steve obtained the Orange lemon budwood.

4/15/11, Steve Smith, phone: The original mutation was discovered in the early 1990s on a tree at Darling Road in Saticoy. It was originally named Sutton Ranch; then a British coal miner union bought it and called it Headley Ranch; then it was sold again, and 6 months later it was planted to strawberries. My tree, which is 12 years old, is on a topworked Valencia, on Carrizo. I first marketed 'Orange' lemons at farmers markets several years ago. I got it before Paramount took an interest. The fruits drop about the time they turn orange.

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... The most astonishing lemon variant, known to just a few people, is a Eureka mutant with orange skin and flesh. It was discovered 10 years ago at a grove in Saticoy, Calif., managed by Paramount Citrus, a large commercial grower.

At one time the company had seven acres of the trees in Ventura County, Calif., but it didn't see much potential and pulled them out, David W. Krause, the president, said in a telephone interview. Only one young tree of the variety, named Golden Eureka, exists in a lush 550-acre grove of normal lemons in Somis. The fruit is sort of like a cat that barks: it tastes like a lemon but has the color of an orange. ...

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